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1. POLITICAL DIRECTOR DUCCI DISCUSSED CSCE MATTERS WITH DCM JULY 13 IN LIGHT OF THE EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN PARIS AND GAVE A PRELIMINARY ITALIAN REACTION TO US SUGGESTIONS CIRCULATED IN THE NAC JULY 10. DUCCI SAID THAT HE HAD NOT STUDIED THE "PRENDERGAST PAPER" IN DETAIL (WE NEVER RECEIVED MADRID'S 4339) BUT OBSERVED THAT POSITION ON BASKET III STRESSES THE FAMILY REUNION PROBLEM OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE GERMANS. DUCCI REMARKED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING SMALL COUNTRIES HAVE MATTERS WHICH THEY CONSIDER IMPORTANT BE RESOLVED UNDER BASKET III. HE THINKS THAT WE SHOULD AVOID THE SITUATION WHERE NATO IGNORES THE VIEWS OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES AND CONCLUDES AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WARSAW PACT. DUCCI BELIEVES WE MAY ALIENATE THEM UNNECESSARILY AND SUGGESTS THE WORK SHOULD GO FORWARD IN GENEVA WHERE THEY CAN BE MORE EASILY HEARD.

2. FROM AN ITALIAN POINT OF VIEW DUCCI SAID THAT WE SHOULD AT A MINIMUM OBTAIN LANGUAGE SIMILAR TO THAT SUGGESTED BY THE ROMANIANS ON PROHIBITION OF ENTERING OR STATIONING OF TROOPS WITHOUT EXPLICIT HOST COUNTRY APPROVAL. DUCCI SAID THE SOVIETS HAVE IGNORED THIS SUGGESTION AND THAT THE WEST SHOULD INSIST ON SUCH A STATEMENT WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK EXPERIENCE IN MIND.

3. DUCCI INTRODUCED AN ELEMENT NEW TO US WHEN HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S SUCCESS WITH GROMYKO IN OBTAINING A NEW FORMULATION CONCERNING PEACEFUL CHANGE OF FRONTIERS. THE ITALIANS AND APPARENTLY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NINE ARE PLEASED WITH THE NEW LANGUAGE BUT INSIST THAT THE SOVIETS ACCEPT THESE PRINCIPLES AS A WHOLE IF THE WEST IS TO MAKE A CONCESSION REGARDING THE POINT AT WHICH THIS LANGUAGE IS INSERTED INTO THE DOCUMENT.

4. AS TO THE SCENARIO FOR FUTURE WORK, DUCCI ENVISAGES THAT THE ALLIES WILL USE THE REMAINDER OF JULY TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE OUTCOME OF CSCE AND THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PONDER THE MATTER IN AUGUST WHILE THE DIPLOMATS GET SOME REST. WE CAN THEN ALL APPROACH THE SUBJECT WITH A FRESH VIEWPOINT IN SEPTEMBER. DUCCI EXHIBITED SIGNS OF CONSIDERABLE FATIGUE DURING THE CONVERSATION. THIS IS NO DOUBT DUE TO THE HEAVY WORK SCHEDULE AND THE LACK OF ADEQUATE
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